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First Named Inventor	Pat Yananton
Title	Absorbent Pad for Entrapping Fine and Coarse Particles, Retaining Liquids and Eliminating Odors
Atty Docket Number	GC-463

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